



Alumni Project Competition

The Embassy of the United States in Algeria is pleased to announce a call for proposals for the 2016 Alumni Project Competition. Our long-term goal is to support the alumni of US-funded exchange programs in their efforts to strengthen civil society by sharing information, expertise and values; mobilizing resources; and enriching relationships between Algeria and United States. We seek proposals that advance one or more of the following: youth leadership; women's empowerment; entrepreneurship; and engagement of underserved populations.

Announcement posted:	April 28, 2016
Application closing date:	Extended deadline: June 12, 2016
Funding type:	Small grant awards
Decision date:	July 14, 2016
Award Amounts:	Proposals for projects with budgets up to \$5,000. We will consider proposals of exceptional impact up to \$20,000.

Eligible applicants: Proposals must be submitted by an alumnus/a of a U.S.-sponsored or supported educational or professional exchange program. This year's initiative includes only the following programs:

- English Access Microscholarship Program
- International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) and IVLP On-Demand
- Algerian Youth Leadership program (AYLP)
- TechGirls
- TechWomen
- Global UGrad
- SUSI programs
- Between the Lines
- Women2Women
- MEPI (Middle East Partnership Initiative): Leaders for Democracy, Student Leaders, Tomorrow's Leaders
- Fulbright: Students, Teaching Assistant, Visiting Scholars, and Humphrey programs

Proposed projects must include direct involvement of the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Algiers. Participants in this project must be 18 years old to qualify for receipt of grant money.

Project proposals **should be detailed**, demonstrating:

- 1) Clear goals;
- 2) Reliable partner institutions;
- 3) A detailed evaluation plan;
- 4) Realistic timeline and project steps; and
- 5) A reporting plan covering the entire project timeline.

A good application should answer the important questions of who, what, where, when, and why.

Project proposals **must include a detailed budget**, demonstrating:

- 1) Reasonable costs;
- 2) Any applicable cost-sharing; and
- 3) A sustainability plan for the post-funding period.

We encourage creative and innovative proposals, but proposals must advance one or more of the following: youth leadership; women's empowerment; entrepreneurship; and engagement of underserved populations.

How to submit: Complete the [Application Form](#) and [Budget Proposal](#) completely and accurately and send to AlgiersPD@state.gov with the subject line "Alumni Small Grant Competition: [Project Name]."

Please note: Embassy cultural grants CANNOT be used to fund religious organizations or partisan political activity; individual trips abroad; trade activities; fundraising campaigns; commercial projects; scientific research; projects whose primary aim is the institutional development of the organization; or representational expenses (lunches, alcoholic beverages, etc.).

For more information, please contact the Alumni Coordinator, Amina Eddouaouda at EddouaoudaA@state.gov.

TIPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE PROPOSAL:

Overall Impact: Reviewers will judge the proposals on the basis of the likelihood for the project to provide a sustained, powerful influence on the community where it is undertaken. Does the project address an important gap of understanding or need? If the aim of the project is achieved, how will existing knowledge or practice be improved?

Participants: What audience do you hope to reach with this project? How many people will participate? How will you select them?

Innovation: Does the proposed project challenge and/or seek to shift current understanding of an issue or a common view? Does the project rely on a new form of presentation, techniques or methods?

Measurability: Are the goals and/or learning outcomes of the project clearly stated? Are they measurable? Does the proposal include a plan for assessing its impact? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented?

DISCLAIMER: U.S. Embassy Algiers does not guarantee availability of funding by receiving applications under this announcement. Applications MUST BE in English. Only successful applicants will be contacted.